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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT - FOOD AIR
CONVENTION

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1. FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY JENS CHRISTENSEN TOLD DCM AND ECONOFF MARCH 29 THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED "AS LAST RESORT" TO GO ALONG WITH A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF FAC. HE SAID PARLIAMENT IS STILL CAUSING DIFFICULTIES BUT WAS CERTAIN OBJECTIONS COULD BE OVERCOME. CHRISTENSEN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT DENMARK CONTINUES TO OPPOSE FAC IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THIS NEGATIVE VIEW IN CURRENT EC DISCUSSIONS. SHOULD UK CONTINUE IN ITS OPPOSITION, DENMARK WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT. IF UK GIVES IN, SO WILL DENMARK.

2. CHRISTENSEN REFERRED IN MOST UNCOMPLIMENTARY TERMS TO RECENTLY COMPLETED EC COMMISSION STUDY ON FOOD AIR (EC BRUSSELS 1608) SAYING THAT COMMISSION APPARENTLY WANTS TO REPEAT ALL THE ERRORS OF EARLIER AID PROGRAMS, E.G., US PL-480. HE THOUGHT, THEREFORE, COMMISSION PROPOSALS NOT HELPFUL AT ALL IN CLEARING THE AIR. NONETHELESS, ON BALANCE, HE BELIEVED IT IS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' INTEREST TO CONTINUE FAC FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, USING TIME TO DEVELOP MORE RATIONAL POLICIES ON FOOD AID.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH AIR AND AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, CHRISTENSEN HAS ALWAYS BEEN CITED AS LAST HOLDOUT TO DANISH ACCEPTANCE OF FAC EXTENSION. TURNABOUT IN HIS POSITION ON FAC THEREFORE MEANS WE CAN COUNT ON EVENTUAL DANISH SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION, IF BRITISH DO. UK NOW APPEARS TO BE KEY TO EC POSITION.
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